REMARKS

Pending Claim 1 stands rejected under §101, but was indicated as allowable if that non-statutory subject matter rejection were overcome. Claim 1 is amended, and two analogous independent Claims 39 and 40 are also added.

The knowledge base of Claim 1 is amended to clarify that it is stored on a computer readable medium. A data structure stored on a computer readable medium comprises statutory subject mater under §101. MPEP §2106 IV.B.1(a).

Further, when taken as a whole, the claim clearly defines statutory subject matter. Claim 1 defines a knowledge base "stored" in a computer readable medium for use in a system for parsing unstructured and partially structured name and address data using an interference engine and inference strategy.

The knowledge base analyzes the data using one of several levels of analysis as defined in element a of Claim 1. Element b provides that the knowledge base contains several specified layers used for "name and address data in a selected language" and that information is used in the knowledge base analysis. As this knowledge base is stored at least in part in a computer readable medium, it is usable by the inference engine using the inference strategy of claim 1.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

New Claims 39 and 40 are added to further definine the system, but using the same or similar elements as in Claim 1.

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